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INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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SUBJECT: FOOD AID TO SAHEL

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1. OSRO WEEKLY REPORT FOR DONORS AND UNDP RESREPS DATA AS OF 31 MAY INCLUDES FOLLOWING NOTES:
MALI - 16,285 MT WERE EVACUATED FROM DAKAR BY RAIL TO MALI DURING 26 APRIL 1974 - 31 MAY 1974, WEEKLY AVERAGE 3257 MT. AT THE SAME TIME 20,414 WERE EVACUATED FROM ABIDJAN TO MALI. RATES OF EVACUATION ARE INCREASING. THE TWO COUNTRIES ARRANGED INCREASE OF NUMBER OF RELIEF GOODS TRAINS FROM DAKAR TO MALI. NEVERTHELESS DAKAR STOCKS ARE STILL HIGH AND DONORS ARE STILL ADVISED TO DISCHARGE AT ABIDJAN AND AUTHORIZE THEIR SHIPPING AGENTS TO UTILIZE DIRECT LORRIES TRANSPORT OUT OF ABIDJAN. UNDER STUDY BY USA AND FAO IS THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSAAHRAN SHIPMENT TO REGION VI (GAO)
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FROM ORAN AND ALGIERS. OSRO IS EXAMINING POSSIBILITIES OF

DISCHARGING AT LOME AND ABIDJAN FOR REGION VI SUPPLIES.

UPPER VOLTA - RATE OF EVACUATION FROM ABIDJAN IS DISCOURAGING (ONLY 5,639 TONS DURING THE PAST FIVE WEEKS). TAKING INTO ACCOUNT STOCKS AT PORT (10,122 MT) AND EXPECTED ARRIVALS IN JUNE (20,313 MT) AND THE OTHER OBVIOUS INADEQUACY OF THE RAILROAD, DIRECT LORRY SHOULD BE UTILIZED FOR UPPER VOLTA AS WELL AND INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ACCORDINGLY TO THE FORWARDING AGENTS. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY MINISTER DAKOURE OF CILSS.

NIGER - DURING 26 APRIL - 31 MAY 1974 11,183 MT WERE EVACUATED FROM COTONOU TO PARAKOU AND 17,732 FROM APAPA TO NIGER. HOWEVER PARAKOU, THE TERMINUS OF THE DAHOMEY RAILROAD WHERE GOODS ARE RELOADED INTO LORRIES IS CONGESTED WITH 4,000 MT, GIVEN STOCKS AND EXPECTED JUNE ARRIVALS IN COTONOU THE SITUATION IS WORRISOME. A NIGERIEN MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT IS VISITING COTONOU TO MAKE AN ON-SITE ASSESSMENT. EVACUATION RATE AT APAPA MUST ALSO BE INCREASED AS 18,840 MT ARE IN STOCK AND 35,083 MT WILL ARRIVE IN JUNE. WE SUGGEST THAT DONORS DIVERT TO PORT HARCOURT IN A MANNER WHICH DOES NOT COMPROMISE EVACUATION FOR CHAD.

CHAD - GOVERNMENT OF CHAD HAS AUTHORIZED NIGERIAN LORRIES TO TRANSPORT 12,000 TONS OF FOOD AID UP TO NDJAMENA.BEAUDRY

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